

Federation of Community Councils, Inc.
Board of Delegates
Zoom Only
Minutes of November 15, 2023, Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by FCC Chair Gretchen.

FCC Delegates in attendance (21):

Abbott Loop	Lizzie Newell
Airport Heights	Amanda Moser
Basher	-
Bayshore/Klatt	Bob Laule
Bear Valley	Kaitlyn Jackson
Birchwood	-
Campbell Park	Kevin Fimon
Chugiak	-
Downtown	-
Eagle River	-
Eagle River Valley	Joy Webb
Eklutna Valley	-
Fairview	James Thornton
Girdwood (GBOS)	Mike Edgington
Glen Alps	-
Government Hill	Bob French
Hillside	Carmela Warfield
Huffman/O'Malley	Gretchen Stoddard (FCC Chair)
Midtown	-
Mountain View	-
North Star	Penny Gage
Northeast	Bob Reupke
Old Seward/Oceanview	Gary Meaders
Portage Valley	-
Rabbit Creek	Mike Kenny
Rogers Park	Linda Chase
Russian Jack	Kathleen Plunkett
Sand Lake	-
Scenic Foothills	Patrick LeMay
South Addition	-
South Fork	-
Spenard	-
Taku Campbell	-
Tudor Area	-
Turnagain	Carolyn Hall (FCC Treasurer)

Turnagain Arm
University Area

Michael Packard
Al Milspaugh

Others in attendance:

Office of the Mayor	Dave Bronson
Anchorage Assembly	Daniel Volland, Felix Rivera
Anchorage School Board	Margo Bellamy
Community Councils Center	Jean Sauget, Acting Manager
UAA College of Business and Public Policy	Dr. Kevin Berry, Workforce Trends in Alaska

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1. **Call to Order and Establish Quorum:** Gretchen Stoddard, Chair
Quorum attained.
Al Milspaugh read the guidelines for delegates joining via Zoom.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Unanimously approved.
3. **Government Updates**
 - a. **Office of the Mayor** – Dave Bronson
Mayor Bronson discussed the snowplowing issues after the significant snowfalls and answered questions from delegates.
 - b. **Assembly** – Daniel Volland
Discussed the snow removal response; snow removal and road safety will be top of mind as we take up our 2024 municipal budget this month. Will be meeting with the ASD on the school district’s procedure for calling snow days.
 - c. **Anchorage School Board (ASD)** – Margo Bellamy, Board Chair

Ms. Bellamy answered questions about the Anchorage School District. A written report is available on the FCC website at <https://communitycouncils.org/download/23080.pdf>.

Discussed several district initiatives: Alaska Reads Act; Reading for Life; Six Grade to Middle School Transition; Student Wellness & Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports; 24-25 School Start Times; and Academies of Anchorage.

We did reach a tentative AEA agreement that will cover 3000 teachers for one year.
4. **Workforce Trends in Alaska** – Dr. Kevin Berry, Associate Professor of Economics, UAA College of Business and Public Policy. “Bottom line, where do the workers come from? And what

draws young people to Alaska? I think that's the policy question that anchorage as a whole needs to answer. And Alaska as well. And really, if we want to be competitive.”

<https://www.communitycouncils.org/download/23075.pdf>

5. **FCC Transition Update** – Amanda Moser

The manager position description has been posted and distributed to contact lists. The clerk's office encouraged us to go back and reevaluate our budget; they said that there was that there was probably support coming from the assembly if we increased our ask in order to be able to be able to redraft our position description to capture that sort of executive-level work better. They envisioned it being a director-level position with director-level compensation. The new job description will be distributed via email and posted online when available.

6. **Treasurer's Report** – Carolyn Hall

The 2024 FCC proposed budget was submitted to the clerk's office for a total of \$203,400. The vote by the assembly will be at their regular meeting on November 21.

Presented the Budget vs Actuals and the Profit and Loss reports.

We received a \$10,000 grant from the Muni Ombudsman's office to provide training for Community Councils.

Kevin Fimon (CPCC) and Patrick LeMay (SFCC) have been appointed to the Finance Committee. They have a lot to do: update financial policies, process to move away from paper checks and use a debit card for paying vendors, look into sign up for online banking.

- [FCC Proposed 2024 Budget v3 Cover Letter](#)
- [FCC 2024 Draft Budget w SubAccounts](#)
- [FCC Treasurer's Report - November 2023](#)

7. **Chair's Report**– Gretchen Stoddard

Motion made and passed to cancel the December 20th delegates meeting.

8. **Council Updates**

Abbott Loop CC – Meeting tomorrow via Zoom, canceling our potluck. Talked about a street reconstruction project, then Coventry storm drainage.

Airport Heights – Not much to report, advocating for safer streets and better trails.

Bear Valley CC – The Council is dealing with the winter weather up here like most everyone.

Campbell Park CC – We will meet via Zoom tomorrow night. Our chair stepped down at

the last meeting. We have someone to fill in until the regular election in January. Two resolutions will be up for a vote – a community garden and homeless usage near Elmore. **Eagle River Valley** – Didn't meet last week due to the weather. I'd like to thank Jean for her support to the CC.

Girdwood – We have two monthly meetings: land use and GPOs—presentation on Eagle Exit. Discussion on the short-term rental regulations – works well for Anchorage but not for Girdwood.

Government Hill CC – We'll be meeting tomorrow night—many issues around the port and the railroad.

Hillside – Presentation from Sr. Fire Captain Johnson (Sta. 8), reminding everyone to check their carbon monoxide detectors and batteries in smoke detectors as part of the giant clock change. I requested a presentation on Narcan kits, where to get them, how to use them safely, and what they look like. Garrett Verbeek spoke on a naming application for a peak in the GS range. A proposed naming of Mount Elliot will be heard tomorrow, November 16.

Huffman/O'Malley – Conducting hybrid meetings and going through the CIP lists.

Northeast CC – Having a hybrid tomorrow, as well as holding a food drive to collect for the needy. Discussing the Hmong Vietnam memorial resolution at Davis Park.

North Star – Two notable items at our meeting last week: 1) Homelessness Call to Action from District 1; 2) Campsite abatement, ACLU letter to Bronson administration.

Old Seward/Oceanview CC – Meeting postponed due to snowfall. The next meeting is TBD.

Rabbit Creek CC – Discussed the extension to the Potter Valley subdivision, as well as the Potter Marsh watershed park, a 300-acre park that provides 80% of the water into Potter Marsh. Big discussion on the 3- and 4-plex zoning.

Rogers Park CC – No update.

Russian Jack CC – Had a presentation from the Hmong veterans' community organization proposing a Vietnam War memorial in Davis Park.

Turnagain – Held our election for the new year. Received a Fish Creek Trail Connection project update. Voted on the resolution to remove the Minnesota Dr. barrier wall.

Turnagain Arm – We are going to have our next meeting in December next month will be on the 14th. We're taking out just like everybody and anchorages. We've had lots of snow. But otherwise, that's, that's it. And I appreciate all your guys's time.

University Area CC – Al Milspaugh, the CC is loving hybrid meetings.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jean Sauget, Community Councils Center Acting Manager.